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## The Tithe

IS IT SCRIPTURAL?

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Text, Hebrews 7:5,6, "And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises."

"Tithe" is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "the tenth." Technically speaking, it is defined as "the tenth of produce, property or spoils dedicated to sacred use."

If a word embodies history, the history of a word may contain much information of value. This word then will briefly be traced in both Biblical and Extra-Biblical History.

First, in Biblical record it appears early. Its first distinct mention is in Gen. 14:20. Abraham, returning from the slaughter of the four kings, was met by Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of the most high God. He blessed Abram, who in turn recognized him as his priest before God and "gave him tithes of all" the spoil.

The word "tithe" and "tithes" is mentioned thirty-six times in the Bible and certainly a subject mentioned that many times is important for us to consider and obey its teachings.

I realize that this subject is somewhat delicate to deal with and for fear of offending someone this great Bible subject is neglected by many ministers, but my honest convictions, based on Bible teaching, are that the "tithe" is (not was) God's law for the human race, and that the obligation to pay it is as binding now as it ever was.

Second, in Gen. 28:22, Jacob had been to the gate of heaven, and none other than Bethel could be chosen as a name for that place. Here Jacob, under the impression of the awe of God's presence, vowed a vow, saying,

"If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will

### PAPER RATIONING

Due to the critical situation arising out of paper rationing the Publishing Interest Committee, along with certain other officials here, has advised that we run the Evangel as an eight-page paper twice each month for an unspecified time. This decision was reached very regretfully, but apparently there is nothing else to do. We are about fifty tons of paper short for usual printing and must cut some publications. We have, however, purchased a new black-faced eight-point type which will replace the ten-point type, resulting in an increase of printed matter to the extent of 20 per cent. The Evangel has now gone to 27,000 subscriptions and we trust you will still stand by, and if we can obtain an increase in our ration we will run the Evangel regularly in a sixteen-page edition. Articles will need to be shorter. Reports shorter or less often. Testimonies should be to the point. Notices and requests should also be as short as possible. Space must be conserved to represent all departments of the work of the Church. Pray for us. — E. C. Clark, Editor.

give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God; and this stone which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."

In the third use it is in connection with the Levitical law, the Lord spake through Moses and gave this commandment, which is most fully stated in the three following places: First, Lev. 27:30-32, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes he shall add thereunto the fifth part thereof, and concerning the tithe of the herd or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."

Now, brother, you may use or borrow your tithes from the Lord and keep the pastor waiting and let his obligations go over and cause his good name to be evil spoken of, but remember that money is the Lord's, and it is holy, and does not belong to you at all, for a tenth of all your earnings, or your cattle, sheep, hogs, chickens, eggs, potatoes, beans, hay, fruit, and all you have coming your way, a tenth of it belongs to the Lord. The devil may tell you the preacher does not need it and the church pays too much tithes any way, and that you need the money to buy some coal, or your children some clothes, or make a payment on your home or farm, and that the Lord wants charity to begin at home, but, brother, tithes is not charity, but belongs to God. But if after all this you borrow God's tithes, when you pay it back (if you can get it all together) you must add 20 per cent, or a fifth part to what you borrow. If you owe \$10 tithes and borrow that, you must add one-fifth to that, or \$2, so you must then pay \$12 to get your tithes paid up that you borrowed. After all, this is not a fair practice to deprive God's pastors out of their tithes after they have labored hard for you and prayed for your sick, etc., and then not pay them regularly. If your employer borrowed your wages after you had worked for them and paid you when he thought of it, or maybe not at all, I suppose you would bring suit against him in the civil courts. Then, do un-

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# Notes From My Letters

By

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## Arizona State Convention

We have had a wonderful camp meeting with a Bible study daily. The mission offering more than doubled what it was a year ago. The orphanage offering was \$51.44. We are planning a special orphanage drive for Easter. We have only nine churches, and but few of these are self-supporting. Pray for us in Arizona.—Humbly, C. C. Rains, state overseer.

We are happy and feel like pressing forward. Later I shall give you a full report of our work, but this is too good to keep. You remember we received \$200 for missions last year at the Lemmon convention (you were there). This year it was \$412.60. May the Lord bless you.—Sincerely, Glyndon Logsdon, overseer of North and South Dakota.

The ministry and the members of this district are some of the finest the Church has. You will remember that our local church and parsonage were blown away in the tornado last year, the Stonefield church. I just wish you could see what a nice and beautiful church and modern parsonage these people have built back, and they have it paid for. The amount of our district mission offering was \$423.57, the greatest in the state thus far. Pray for us in our work.—E. L. Newton, district overseer, Holcomb, Mississippi.

The first two state conventions this year (reports of which are given below) have more than doubled last year's state mission offerings. The amount of the state convention mission offerings will be reported at the Assembly. May God ever bless the people who remember others in these perilous times.

TELEGRAM: "California mission offering overdoubled offering last year. Evangel subscriptions 100. Orphanage offering \$78.—Earl P. Paulk, Second Assistant General Overseer.

TELEGRAM: "Just received a message that our son Joseph Nolan Campbell has been located a prisoner of war in Philippine Islands.—J. T. Campbell."

Brother Campbell and his son may be assured that they have our sympathy and prayers.—J. H. W.

"Gastonia, North Carolina, district convention great success. Fellowship and unity unexcelled. Mission offerings \$715.—H. L. Chesser, state

overseer; W. M. Stallings, district overseer."

"Baltimore, Maryland, district convention greatest ever. Orphanage offering \$110.12. Mission offering \$735.12.—D. C. Boatwright, state overseer."

## Report of State Convention— Washington, Oregon, Idaho

"Wonderful state convention. Great interest in missions and orphanage. Evangel subscriptions during convention 120. Rev. Paulk and family greatly appreciated by the people of the Northwest. — John E. Douglas, state overseer."

There were six saved during recent meetings in the district of Richmond, Saskatchewan, Canada. One of the young people from Fox Valley attended the last semester of our Bible School this winter. There are many more young people there who are saved and we may see a number of them in school this coming term. Our radio program is going fine. We are getting prospects for meetings in new fields and expect to see some new churches organized shortly. We are in need of workers. Pray for us and the work here.—William Pospisil, overseer of Western Canada.

# Notices

If there are any Church of God workers close, I would be glad if you would get in touch with my brother who is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. His address is Pfc. Rufus Hollaway, Camp Shelby, Miss., U. S. Army, APO 69, Div. Hq. I know he needs someone to pray and talk with in this new place.—Mrs. Elmer Bennett, Rt. 2, Box 43, Holly Gr., Ark.

The New York state convention will convene May 14-16, at the Church of God, 5123 7th Ave., Brooklyn, New York City, N. Y., service beginning Friday night at 7:30 p. m. There will be services all day Saturday and Sunday. We are expecting a good many visitors to this convention. Our special speaker will be our esteemed Second Assistant General Overseer, Brother Earl P. Paulk. You will be able to get rooms as low as 45c a night. Meals in New York City's restaurants are reasonable, as low as 25c in a cafeteria; eats and rooms can be had in many cases cheaper

## STATE CONVENTIONS

ILLINOIS

April 30-May 2—Benton.

CENTRAL CANADA

May 7-9 — MacDougall, Windsor, Ont.

in New York City than in smaller cities.

We invite friends everywhere to come and enjoy this feast in the Lord. Write me if you plan to come. We will do all we can to have things ready for you before you come. You may write to the address above.

If you come by train or bus, get off at Grand Central Station, get an I-R-T subway to Union Square, transfer to BMT subway, get off at 53rd St. Sta., Brooklyn, go to 7th Ave. and 52nd St. to church.—Roland Verrico, state overseer.

I am now available for revivals and open for calls.—Fannie S. Foshee, N. Highland Ave., Rt. 3, North Gadsden, Ala.

## Notice

The article relating the marvelous deliverance of the lieutenant from death by his little Bible, will appear in edition of the Evangel dated May 8. Those desiring quantities should order at once. Price 2c per copy in quantities of 25 or more; quantities less than 25, 2½c per copy.—Ed.

## Scofield Bibles

We can now fill orders for large-print Scofield Bible No. 83X, priced at \$8.50, with morocco binding, without concordance. We have 24 copies only. Order of Church of God Publishing House.

## District Convention

Oak Grove, Miss., district convention will convene May 8, 9, at Oak Grove church, near Red Bay, Ala. D. G. Bozeman, district pastor.

For this Assembly year I have been getting mail from headquarters, the Orphanage and elsewhere addressed to W. L. Kennedy. Since getting the new Minutes I see there is a mistake

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# Current Events in the Light of Prophecy

Paul H. Walker

We will continue this article with a study of twenty-first chapter of Saint Luke, verses 20 to 26. Verses 20-23 tell of the fall of Jerusalem, a warning to escape and their captivity. This I covered in my first article. Let us notice a few of the signs in the next few verses.

Verse 25, "And there shall be signs in the sun." We are told by the scientists, as shown in the *Chicago Herald and Examiner* of a few years back, that the cause of the terrific heat wave during the drought, was three black spots on the SUN. They said that out of these great spots sulphuric flames belched forth for hundreds of miles and were the cause of the change in the atmospheric conditions of the earth. But the prophet said, "Yet we see not our signs."

"Moon"—The same paper and sky readers said that the moon had left its original setting three different times and to continue would throw the world into chaos and bring an immediate end to the world.

"In the stars"—Astronomy admits that new stars, and especially one, appeared like unto the star of Bethlehem. Also, that the stars depict great events to come such as we have never witnessed.

"And upon earth distress of nations"—Is Greece distressed, with its starving tens of thousands? Yes, thousands die in a week from hunger. What about all the other nations of earth? There is no word more fitting for present world bewilderment than the word "DISTRESS."

"With perplexity"—Every nation on earth is perplexed. Every wage earner, every diplomat, every organization, every church, every minister is faced with new problems which are of the most perplexing consequence. The cry everywhere is, "WHAT SHALL WE DO?"

Verse 26, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." For instance, we might think of the rebuilding of the destroyed cities, morale, economy and religion after this is over, if Jesus does not come very soon. Again when will the present conflict end? Will deadly gasses and germ bombs be turned loose? What is the future for my three little boys? one a sweet little blue-eyed blond and the twins with their sparkling brown eyes. What is the future for your sweet little daughter, in the dark, dismal age of beer, cigarettes, worldly movies, the dance craze, bobbed hair, painted lips and cheeks, and the wearing of men's clothing? I TELL YOU, WE ARE IN A DESPERATE TIME AND IF WE AS CHRISTIANS ARE NOT CAREFUL, ALL THAT IS HIGH AND HOLY WILL BE SOLD FOR NAUGHT! Surely hearts do fail. Heart disease is more prevalent on earth than ever before.

"Powers of heaven shall be shaken"—Yes, bombers, fighters, bursting shells high in the elements. The roar of motors in desperate death strug-

gles show the heavenlies being shaken. But the greatest of all is when Jesus leaves the mediatorial throne, stars are disquieted, heaven's elements are moved and then, verse 27, "shall we see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Verse 28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Yes, we must look above all the clouds of discouragement and despair. We must ever keep our hearts attune to His voice, for in His time He will come and call for His own and we shall all rise to meet Him and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Bless His dear name!

In 2 Timothy 3:1-5 we find other index fingers pointing to the near coming of Jesus.

"This know also, that in the last days (what days? LAST DAYS) perilous times shall come." In other words, in the last days HARD TIMES shall come. I feel that hard times are here. Ask a mother whose son was in Pearl Harbor, Bataan, Corregidor, New Guinea or Guadalcanal, etc. Dangerous times are here with the food shortage, gas shortage, rubber shortage, and the many other things. We do not mind sacrificing for the principles of democracy. We should be glad to, but nevertheless the scripture is being fulfilled. Here Paul gives the reason for present world conditions. "Perilous times shall come, FOR." Why? See verse 2, "FOR men shall be lovers of their own selves." Phil. 2:21 says, "For all seek their own, not the things that are Jesus Christ's." They put their work, play, home, car, family, and personal interests first and the Lord second. "Lovers of their own selves." Much could be said here but space will not permit.

"Covetous"—meaning very desirous; inordinately; eager to obtain; greed for gain. "Boasters"—Braggers, vain-glory, causing exaggeration. "Proud"—Feeling of manifesting pride, worldly conformity. This does not necessarily mean that one has to be proud in dress. One may be proud as the man one time said, "proud because they are not proud." Some think if one is neat and presentable that one is proud, and if you are careless about your appearance then you are humble. I suggest that the latter is lazy instead of humble. There is always a middle path and a happy medium for us to adapt our lives to and this is God's way.

"Blasphemers"—meaning to speak against, to revile, abuse. Paul said, "If ye bite and devour one another take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." One polite way to be a murderer is to be a blasphemer against your brother or sister until you have murdered his or her influence. When influence is gone, what more use is one? He might as well be

dead as to be worthless.

"Disobedient to parents"—Children are so today, not because they naturally have been born full of the devil, but because of environment, their social contact and association; because parents are so abusive in their homes to the pastor, the church or the members until the child loses all respect for the pastor, the church and the members; because the family altar has been torn down and the child has never heard its mother or father pray; because parents do not have the interest of their child at heart. The child is not in their heart and so they are not in the heart of the child. I contend that home training, conduct of parents, conversation of parents, affection between mother and father and children sow the seeds in the child's character until it determines the child's course; yes, even more than its course, ITS ETERNAL DESTINY!

"Unthankful" means to be ungrateful. I would portray it thus. A family moved west and built a storm cellar as a protection from the cyclone. Little John and Mary watched Father as he dug the cellar. After it was all finished and Father had gone to the field, an invalid mother sat in her wheel chair looking out the back porch at little John and Mary as they were digging a play storm cellar. But as they dug away it kept caving in time after time until the little tots began to cry and they ran to their invalid mother crying for help. Mother's heart was touched so she struggled and got off the back porch and helped them fix their little play storm cellar. On her attempt to get back into the house she hurt herself internally and that evening she died. The father was sitting up with the corpse that night when he heard the patter of little feet coming down the hall. Mary had gotten out of bed. She ran up to her mother, pulled her cold hand down, kissed it, and said, "THANK YOU, MOTHER," and hurried back to her little bed. Father said, "Mary, why did you do that?" Mary answered, "Oh, Daddy, Mother fixed our storm cellar today and I forgot to thank her." Jesus fixed our storm cellar and it cost Him His life and we are so unthankful these days. So many never thank Him for life, health, home, food, friends, a fine church, a fine pastor. No, they appear to think that God owed them. But we owe God.

I trust these articles have been a blessing to the reader. Amen.

The gospel has never refused to go anywhere people want to carry it.

## BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING

Bible Training School announces closing exercises May 23, 26, 27. Watch for further announcements later.

# Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

## Britain Church Membership

According to a popular survey of church membership in Britain, it is revealed that only about ten per cent are "closely linked to organized churches."

## Illiteracy

The *New York Times*, April 5, 1943, stirred the Senate to action relative to illiteracy. It is reported that there were 800,000 boys rejected from our armed services because of illiteracy. Quite a number indeed when we take into account that it represented only a portion of illiterates in a certain age group.

## Pentecost

It is quite hard to understand just how and why every minister who believes in a spiritual experience at all, and who to substantiate that spiritual endowment, must and does go to Acts second chapter for proof of such power; and at the same time question and in many cases deny the accompanied signs mentioned therein. These same groups of ministers are all the while preaching about receiving the Holy Ghost and at the same time deny the accompanying evidence of the Holy Ghost. It is clearly evident that most ministers have either unknowingly or willfully denied the truth of the great endowment of power from on high which fell at Pentecost. If this was the power and commission of the Holy Ghost for the Church, why in the name of common reason do not the ministers of the gospel preach the truth of the gospel?

## Religion in Russia

Time correspondent, Walter Graeber, writing in his book "Round-trip to Russia," speaking of a certain church, said, "Worshippers were mostly women with pale, deeply-lined faces." In Moscow Graeber found a cathedral, which holds about 3,000, so tightly packed he could hardly get inside the door, and more people were coming every minute. "The congregation," said he, "had many past the middle age but there were more young people, children and Red Army men than I expected to see." Reporting other observations: "The Government, although allowing some churches to be open, uses various means to discourage them: Imposes exorbitant taxes (Moscow's St. Elias Church pays \$19,000 annually), just for the privilege of keeping its doors open, in addition to other regular taxes. Priests are forced to pay a 40 per cent income tax. Agents are sent to take down sermons verbatim. No new priests are allowed to be trained so that when one dies no one will be available to take his place. (Few churches are still open.) Before the

revolution there were 454 Greek Orthodox churches; today there are twenty-six. Fifteen hundred Roman Catholic churches have been closed since the revolution. Three are now open in Moscow. This is the religious freedom allowed in Russia that is emphasized as in existence by our friendly Russian admirers, or should I have said pinks and Reds. God save us from the tragedy of such satanic reasoning."

## Buy Church Buildings

If you need a church building and can't get materials to build, you can of course remodel. You can find an unused church building and buy and remodel it. If no church buildings can be found to buy, then by all means find a large, roomy dwelling and buy and remodel it. There is money now and if we allow the opportunity that these days afford us to obtain church property to pass, it will be much harder after the war is past. Do it now. Work hard. Do something about it.

## Church Union After the War

There are those predictions that after the war we will have some kind of a church union of all denominations. A certain amount of church union of all denominations is a thing of value and usefulness; however, if we are to have a union of all denominations as to doctrine and spiritual interpretations, then we are to have a mere formality of religion. Such a thing is, of course, destined circumstantially to come to pass. While Christ has the true Church as His bride, the antichrist will have a false church of religious prostitution as a fooler to those who want religion in name and not in experience. See Rev. 19:11, also Rev. 21:9, 10 (the bride), and Rev. 17:1-7 (the harlot bride of antichrist). Of which one do you desire to be a member?

## Our Soldiers

Fourteen per cent went to college; 25 per cent are high school graduates; 28 per cent went to high school; 33 per cent were from the graded school class. Eighty per cent of the World War Army were from the graded school classes, 11 per cent had less than a full high school course. Only 4 per cent were high school graduates and 5 per cent were college men. Of our men in England, 63 per cent spend their money and 37 per cent are saving regularly. Of the thrifty, 64 per cent are sending money home for deposit and 17 per cent are buying war bonds. Seventy-eight per cent think the army food good; 72 per cent think it well prepared; 90 per cent find it served hot and fresh; 85 per cent get as much as they want

for breakfast, 93 per cent for dinner and 89 per cent for supper. Fifty-six per cent of the men are church-goers. Seventy per cent of the Catholics go and 50 per cent of the Protestants, while 31 per cent of Jewish soldiers attend. Fifty-nine per cent write letters; 42 per cent listen to the radio; 41 per cent read magazines; 31 per cent take a drink of beer or liquor; 17 per cent have dates with girls; 13 per cent play outdoor sports; 12 per cent dance; 10 per cent read books; 10 per cent play cards, and 2 per cent work at hobbies. A study of drinking habits show: 57 per cent of the ground forces and 59 per cent of the air forces do not take a drink on Saturday nights. Seventy-four per cent of each group do not take a drink on Sunday nights. Seventy-two per cent of the ground forces and 69 per cent of the air forces do not take a drink during the week.—According to *U. S. News*.

## The Victory Girl

No, the "victory girl" I am talking about is not the lovely, beautiful and pure girl who has been down at the altar of prayer and had her soul washed in the blood of the Lamb. She is the girl who, according to *Time*, is a "worse menace than the prostitute." She is a nonprofessional "pick-up," usually between fifteen and nineteen years, who accounts for three out of four cases of infection of venereal disease. Washington reports that 64 per cent of such cases of infection comes from these "amateurs." Lieut. Commander Clarence J. Buckley said, "These kids outnumber the streetwalkers four to one." In San Antonio's famed "spicetown cribs" the rate of delinquency among young girls has increased 350 per cent. From Norfolk comes a report that 85 to 90 per cent of prostitute professionals are "amateurs." These girls stand by the highway and are a ready "pick-up," full of disease and disgrace. The family altar would have altered the course of these girls who were once lovely and pure.

## The Church in Germany

The *Christian Observer* gives us the following fatal decline in theological students: "In 1932, about the time Hitler came into power, there were 7,085 Protestant theological students, of whom 334 were women. The Roman Catholics likewise had a large number of students for the priesthood. Three years later there were only 4,113 theological students in Germany. By 1939 the number had dropped to almost nothing. Tuebingen, for example, which maintained its theological school for the longest time, and which had 672 ministerial students in 1937, dropped to about eighty in 1941. In Berlin the number fell from about one thousand in 1933 to fewer than twenty in the second year of the war. As the German Church (Protestant) is estimated to need at least six hundred new ministerial graduates each year for replacement, it is probable that by this time only the larger congregations are able to have full-time pastors."



# REPORTS

## Columbus, Ohio, District Convention

The Columbus, Ohio, district convention convened at Columbus, Ohio, in the new church April 10, 11. Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, presided at each service. The presence of the Lord was with us from the first song throughout the convention. On Saturday evening Brother J. K. Wolfe, our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, had charge of the program and an offering of \$25 was received for the orphanage. Following this, Brother J. W. Sullivan preached a wonderful message.

Sunday morning after the Sunday School program, which was conducted by Brother Wolfe, Brother Williams blessed us with an inspiring message. A mission offering of \$200 was taken, which is almost 75 cents per member for the district.

The afternoon service was taken up with reports from each church, special songs, and testimonies. The convention was well attended and the Columbus church gave free entertainment for the delegates. It was stated by friends and delegates that this was the best convention ever held on the district. We certainly appreciate the faithful efforts of Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, and Brother W. R. Marcum, district overseer, to make this convention a success.—Mrs. James A. Stephens, reporter.

## God Watches Over Ft. Lauderdale

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla.—We would be a traitor to the Christ of Calvary if we keep silent regarding His many wonderful blessings in our church since the Assembly. There isn't a shadow of a doubt but that God's great hand placed Brother and Sister Howell here as our shepherd. Both are outstanding preachers and so consecrated and untiring in their work for the Master that He is continually setting His seal of approval on every effort put forth. We give here some of the results.

A Church of God preacher and his wife who were backsliders for two years have been reclaimed and are doing a great work for the Lord—at present conducting a revival in Chokoloskee with great success. A former Church of God preacher's wife has also come back to the Lord, bringing her husband and daughter into the Church. Other backsliders have come back to the Lord and are active workers.

An orthodox Jew and his wife have also been added to our church. Much good has been accomplished just in our regular services. Up until Christmas twenty-seven were saved, thirteen sanctified and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost. January 3 we began a revival with Brother L. H. Alford, pastor at Chokoloskee, in charge. God blessed in a wonderful way. In

three weeks twelve were saved, seven sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Eleven have been added to the church. The revival fires are burning brighter all the time. Several have received definite experiences and five received the Holy Ghost in regular and cottage prayer services. The Lord meets with us in a wonderful way each service. It isn't at all unusual for the Holy Ghost to take charge and no one get to preach at our mid-week prayer service. Once the Holy Ghost took charge at the appointed hour and not a song was sung.

The financial and material angles of the church and parsonage are keeping step with the spiritual progress. At a regular Sunday morning service \$150 was raised to buy runners for the church. A much-needed concrete walk extending almost the length of the church is an attraction, as well as being serviceable. An addition to the parsonage has added \$500 to the value of the church property. The W.W.B. is also doing a good work. We are all thankful to know our names are on the Church of God register and especially so at Fort Lauderdale.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Army boys stationed at Boca Raton Field and all others in different branches of the U. S. Service near by to come worship with us at N. E. 4th Avenue and 13th Street.—Mrs. L. A. Durand, 1105 N. E. 4th Ave.

## District Convention in New Orleans

April 3, 4 the annual district convention convened in New Orleans, where we had a glorious time. During the convention we had the privilege of having present with us a converted Jew, Brother A. D. Burian, an excellent pianist and evangelist.

Brother McManus, our pastor, gave a brief welcome address preceding Brother Burle Sumner's talk. We had fourteen ministers present and the Spirit of the Lord was with us greatly. Sunday there were various talks given about the L.W.W.B. and Sunday School. There was a good mission offering and it seemed as if there was a lot of fellowship throughout the congregation for the orphanage of the Church of God.—Billie Jean Burk, 2014 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La.

## Pittsburg, Kans., District Rally

The Pittsburg district Y.P.E. and Sunday School rally convened March 28 at the Pleasanton church. Rev. M. O. Smith was in charge. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. The people were greatly encouraged. Rev. Oscar L. May, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, spoke and his message was enjoyed. Rev. W. C. Howard, district overseer, and the local pastor were there. This rally was a success. This is a new place but a good outlook for the Church of God.—W. A. Ledford, 403 E. 7th St., Pittsburg, Kans.

## E. St. Louis District Convention

The East St. Louis district convention convened at E. Alton, Ill., April 3-5, with our state overseer, Rev. E. O. Kerce, officiating.

The visiting ministers were Rev. and Mrs. Burtis Hughes, Rev. and Mrs. Smiddy, Rev. and Mrs. Utley, Rev. Maynard Swartz and Rev. Langford. We praise the Lord for every visiting minister and every minister on the district and their cooperation and help in making this one of the greatest conventions ever.

Special singing and music was rendered by Sister LaVera Kerce, Brother Thomas Ledford, Sister Martha Hughes and Rev. T. R. Morse, state Sunday School and Y.P.E. president. The mission sermon was delivered by Rev. E. O. Kerce, the Lord blessing abundantly. Following the timely message a mission offering was raised, totaling \$262.84, for which we praise the Lord.

The convention closed immediately following a baptismal service. We thank the Lord for the love and fellowship which was manifested throughout the convention; we also thank Rev. E. E. Summers for his faithful service as district overseer and pastor of the E. Alton Church of God.—Lula Mae Hobbs, convention clerk, Rt. 2, Godfrey, Ill.

## Worcester, Mass., Fellowship Meeting

A fellowship meeting was held at the Worcester, Mass., Church of God, 12½ Benefit St., on February 22. Our state overseer, Rev. Wm. Morris, whom our New England States are proud to have here, had charge of the services of the day. Many out-of-town preachers were here. Miss McClure and another lady singer were present. Evangelist Ruth Justin, Rev. Edwin Tull and wife, Rev. Winters, Rev. Pettit, and Brother Howes, of New Britain, Conn., were also with us.

The afternoon service was a real praise service for all. Brother Morris spoke of the work being done by the different pastors and evangelists and the work in general. God surely was working. It was a real feast. Some were weeping, and some praising God. The meeting was adjourned and all went upstairs to the parsonage where a nice luncheon was served, it being the forty-fourth wedding anniversary of the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. George Rix. They were given several nice gifts.

The afternoon service was a very helpful one, Rev. Edwin Tull bringing the message; also they sang a duet. A feature of the service at first was an address given by Brother Morris to the pastor and wife and presenting them with a beautiful huge bouquet of flowers. Surely the Lord did bless. We find these fellowship meetings a wonderful help in these last days. God tells us to assemble ourselves together and so much the more as we see the day approaching. You notice it says "and so much the more" and surely we are living in the last days. May God help us all to work harder for Him in winning souls in these awful days and be faithful unto the coming of our Lord.—Mrs. Mary Rix, clerk.

### Shut-in Happy in Jesus

ALABAMA CITY, Ala.—Dear saints everywhere, I thank God for what He means to me and what He has meant to me all down through life. For the past sixteen months I have been sick and I have found Him more precious to me than ever. I thank the one who sent me the Evangel subscription. I can't tell you how much I appreciate and enjoy it. May God bless you. It is surely a comfort to my soul while I can't get out and go to church like other people. It surely does hurt when one is reared in church and Sunday School and cannot go. Please get me on your heart and pray that God will heal me, if it is His will. I want the Lord to have His way with me. I feel I am ready to go but I have some dear little children and a dear husband who need me. But if the good Lord thinks it best I am ready to lay down this old sinful world for a new home in heaven. The Lord has touched my body several times but I am still in a bad fix. The doctor says there is no remedy for me but I know there is one and that is Jesus' healing power. I have turned everything over to Him.

Brother Archer's sermon in the Evangel on "Faith" surely was a blessing to me. It seemed to build my faith up. I have been in the Church of God at Alabama City twenty-two years, joining when I was a child. The way gets brighter every day. You can be blue and downhearted and suffering and you can just talk to Him and He will rescue you. I wouldn't take this world and what is in it for what I feel deep down in my soul. I have promised the Lord if He would heal me I would do anything He wanted me to do. I will visit the sick and pray with them. There are many of us who do not visit the sick like we should. I have wished many times for Christian people to come in and speak encouraging words and pray for me. It surely helps anyone who can't be in services. I used to think you couldn't live right if you didn't get to go to church but I have found out you can, however it surely takes some old time praying. I am awake some nights at one and two o'clock praying for God's mercy. Of course He is merciful to us all. We have some good prayer meetings sometimes, just the Lord and I. I get so happy I feel that I can't stay here any longer. Bless His dear name! I sit and think what a beautiful place that is going to be and I get homesick for Jesus to come. I have a dear Christian mother gone on and I want to see her but most of all I want to see Jesus who shed His blood for me. I want to be waiting and watching for His appearance in the clouds.

Dear saints, I have a boy, a sister, and other loved ones out in sin. Please help me pray for them, that there will not be any left behind when Jesus

comes. I ask you again to please pray for me, that I may be able to walk again. I haven't had anything but a house slipper on my foot in six months and my leg stays swollen. It looks like it will burst. The doctor says I am liable to fall dead most any time. I need your prayers and anyone who wishes to write me or send me an anointed cloth it will be appreciated.—Mrs. Flora (Campbell) Wy-cuff, 403 16th St., Box 131.

### THE TITHE

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to others as you would have them do unto you.

Now let us notice Numbers 18:26, 30, 31: "Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave-offering of it for the Lord, even a tenth part of the tithe. Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the winepress. And ye shall eat of it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation."

Let us listen to the Scriptures speak again. Deut. 14:22, 23: "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of the seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always."

Just how long the Mosaic order was carried out, we do not know. Samuel in his protest against Israel's asking for a king (1 Sam. 8:15, 17), tells them that "he will take the tenth of your seed and your vineyards and give to his officers and to his servants." "Also he will take the tenth of your sheep; and ye shall be his servants."

It is likely that the sacred use of the tithe was early perverted under the kings. We hear no more of this system until the time of Hezekiah (726 B.C.) who instituted once more "the courses of the priests and Levites" (2 Chron. 31:2-5, 10-12) and "command the people that dwell in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and Levites." The people responded readily and at once, "and the tithes of all things brought they in abundantly." So abundant were they that the chief priest reported that, "Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat and have left plenty; for the Lord hath blessed his people, and that which is left is their great store." So great was this store that chambers in the house of the Lord were prepared for it, and men were appointed to oversee this surplus, "who brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully," and kept them in

the places prepared for them.

The prophets cried out all along the line against the greed and selfishness of the people.

Prov. 3:9, "Honor the Lord with thy substance." But fickle Jewry was soon denying the charge of robbery at the mouth of Malachi who says, "Ye have robbed God in tithes and offerings and are cursed with a curse." Mal. 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," etc. What Malachi denounced, Nehemiah rectified by one bold stroke. He gathered the Levites and singers from the fields, whither they had gone to earn a livelihood, and set them in their places. Once more the old order was restored and it was true that all Judah (Neh. 13:12) "brought the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasures."

When the New Testament opens its pages of history, we find the tithe principle very scrupulously observed by the "rigidly righteous" and perhaps by a majority of the Jewish people. The seventh chapter of Hebrews makes use of the word "tithe" to show that the priesthood of Christ, who is after the order of Melchizedek, is superior to the priesthood of the Levites because they in the loins of their father, Abraham, paid tithes to Melchizedek.

Barring this chapter, there are six other places where the "tenth" or "tithe" occurs; namely, John 1:39; Rev. 11:13; 21:23; Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42. The well-known words of Matthew, who gives the fullest statement, are these: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye tithe mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, judgment, and mercy, and faith: these ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone."

The other reference is equally well known and occurs in the prayer of the Pharisee, who said in Luke 18:12, "I give tithes of all that I get." The Revised Version is used in giving these quotations because it more correctly translates the verb in the first references which should also be translated "tithe" in the last reference, for the Greek verb is the same in all three.

These scriptures and many other records prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that tithing is a Bible doctrine today, still bringing blessings to those who do it. Amen.

### NOTICES

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in it. The clerk of Kennedy, Ala., church should read W. L. Sanders instead of W. L. Kennedy. This is causing some confusion in the mail.—W. L. Sanders, Rt. 1, Covin, Ala.

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If there are any Church of God people near Salt Lake City, Utah, I would appreciate it if you would visit my husband who is stationed fourteen miles from that city. His address is Pvt. Earl C. McLendon, 503 Training Groups, B.T.C. No. 5, Hq. Sqd., Kearns, Utah.—Mrs. Earl C. McLendon, Rt. 1, Box 91, c/o R. A. White, Donaldsonville, Ga.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL



# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

*We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.*

## PRAY FOR

My afflicted body. — Mrs. Zella Cook, 187 Hollingsworth Manor, Elkton, Md.

A young man who has T.B. of the throat; my body. — Mrs. A. J. Gunter, Rt. 2, Box 159, Plant City, Fla.

Clyde King, Marked Tree, Ark., to be healed and comforted. — W. E. Wright, Marked Tree, Ark.

My mother who has dropsy and lung trouble. — Mary Lemaster, Rt. 2, Mt. Park, Okla.

My sister, Mrs. W. E. Strong, Jackson, Ky., who had a stroke. — G. W. Gambill, 240 S. Kilmer St., Dayton, Ohio.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure. — Mable Williams, Rt. 5, Box 139, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Levi Cardwell, 602 N. 18th St., Phoenix, Ariz., who is sick; me to be healed of high blood pressure. — Nellie Christenberry, Box 147, Clovis, N. Mex.

The healing of my side. — Mrs. Odice Taylor, Rt. 7, Box 370, Jacksonville, Fla.

My daughter, Laveytia Williams, who is in a serious condition; my body. — Millie Willingham, Rt. 2, Cave City, Ark.

The healing of my body of gall bladder trouble and neuritis. — Mrs. Dan Hollingsworth, Box 83, Ft. White, Fla.

The healing of our little girl. — Lois Brazier, Rt. 2, Pitts, Ga.

The healing of Edd Derossett, Fourmile, Ky., who was hurt in the mines almost two years ago, he is paralyzed from his hips down. — Mrs. James Cook, 2210 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Me to be healed of a severe head trouble. — Mrs. Silas Cothren, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga.

My brother to be healed and saved, he is in a serious condition. — Mrs. George Webb, Speedwell, N. C.

I am sick and afflicted but am trusting the Lord for my healing, so please pray for me. — Mrs. May Porter, Rt. 1, Box 184, Delhi, La.

My mother to be healed. — Ruby Thomas, Rt. 2, Section, Ala.

The healing of my body of high blood pressure. — Mrs. Georgia Cribb, Rt. 2, Alma, Ga.

The healing of my husband who has heart trouble. — Mrs. W. H. Brooks, 921 S. Main, Hobart, Okla.

The healing of my body. — Mrs. Belle Scott, 2902 Nevada St., Fresno, Calif.

Me to be healed, I have sore ankles and neuralgia. — Mrs. Annie Griffith, Madison, W. Va.

Elizabeth McMahan to be healed of tumor and other ailments; me to be healed. — Mrs. Ruth Gregg, R.F.D. 2, Newport, Tenn.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure; my sister to be healed. — Mrs. C. C. Harris, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

Me to be healed of something like rheumatism. — Willie J. Barrentine, Alligator, Miss.

Me to be healed of asthma. — Mrs. Beryl Orr, South Coffeyville, Okla.

The healing of my body of flu. — M. A. Tate, East Beckley, W. Va.

My husband to be healed of high blood pressure; my healing. — Mrs. L. A. Smith, Purvis, Miss.

Me to be healed of mastoids, I am in a serious condition. — Mrs. Dolores Hudson, 401 S. Mulky St., Christopher, Ill.

My twin babies to be healed. — Mrs. Marvin Jones, Rt. 1, Box 37-B, Lithia, Fla.

God to undertake for me, I truly need prayer. — Arlene Williams, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Lord to completely heal me. — Eldora Simpson, 719½ N. Broadway, Pittsburg, Kans.

Me to be healed of pellagra and head trouble; my husband to be healed. — W. R. W., Rt. 4, Alma, Ga.

God to heal my body; my husband to be healed. — Mrs. W. M. Parks, Bastian, Va.

The complete healing of my body. — Freda Coppel.

God to undertake for me. — Pvt. James A. Hicks, Co. C., 80th Arm'd. Med. Bn., 10th Arm'd. Div., A.P.O. 260, Fort Benning, Ga.

My daughter to be healed. — Mrs. Stone, 1850 Tampa St., Dayton, Ohio.

The Lord to restore my health, I have a very bad rupture and am the only dependence for my children as my husband is dead. — Mrs. Ollie Mullis, 305 Ash St., Cochran, Ga.

The Lord to heal my husband's foot, it pains him so much; the Lord to heal my body. — Mrs. Jim Williamson, Rt. 1, Box 40, Williston, S. C.

The Lord to heal me of inflammatory rheumatism. — Mrs. D. E. Comer, Eccles, W. Va.

The healing of my little girl. — A sister in Christ, Miami, Fla.

## OBITUARIES

### JACKSON

Our darling baby, Ralph Leroy Jackson, was born Oct. 28, 1942, and went to live with Jesus on March 16, 1943; age four months and sixteen days. We loved him dearly. — His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Rt. 2, Bitely, Mich.

### BROADUS

Brother Cebe Broadus departed this life January, 1943. He was a faithful member of the Church of God. — His pastor, A. V. Coker, Crichton, Ala.

### MCLEOD

My mother, Mrs. W. A. McLeod, Warren, Ark., was born 1893, and slipped away to be with Jesus Jan. 15, 1943; age fifty years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. — Mrs. Maudine Ross, 432 N. Martin St., Warren, Ark.

### WHITMAN

Davie S. Whitman, a faithful member of the Church of God, departed this life to be with Jesus March 18, 1943; age sixty years, two months and twenty-three days. He trusted God to the end. — Mrs. W. G. Pearson, Double Springs, Ala.

### BRYARS

Little Martha Fay Bryars, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Bryars, was born Feb. 22, 1943, and went to be with Jesus Feb. 24, 1943. God bless and comfort the hearts of the loved ones. — Their pastor, Rev. E. H. Thomas, Perdido, Ala.

The Lord to heal Rex Smith, a crippled boy; Mrs. G. Owen to be healed; the Lord to completely heal me. — C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

The healing of my arteries and heart. — W. J. Rhinehart, 419 Sterling St., Sedro Woolley, Wash.

Me to be healed of kidney poison and sugar diabetes. — Fannie Duncan, Box 106, Sardis, Ga.

My little girl to be healed of drawing spells. — Mrs. J. J. Jordan, Rt. 3, Pavo, Ga.

My mother's back to be healed. — Sara Rakestraw, Edwardsville, Ala.

Our baby to be healed. — Mrs. Wilburn Roberts, Avera, Miss.

Me to be healed of a bad kidney trouble. — Mrs. Maude Dulaney, Rt. 6, Water Valley, Miss.

Me to be healed of gall bladder and liver trouble; my little boy's healing; my mother's body. — Ethel Smith, R.R. 2, Wheelersburg, Ohio.

The healing of my body. — Mrs. Maud Meade, Dunlow, W. Va.

The healing of my baby. — Mattie Wairse, R.F.D. 1, Lawrenceville, Tenn.

My grandmother's healing, she is seriously ill. — Mrs. J. H. Walker, Cleveland, Tenn.

### Harrisburg, Pa., District Report

A few weeks ago at the church anniversary at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Rev. D. N. Lykens, and our district overseer, Rev. Brady Dennis, planned a tour over the Harrisburg district, giving each church two nights' service. But the Lord kept blessing in the anniversary services until it lasted three weeks, during which a number of souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. A fine group of people from the Mount Pleasant Pentecostal Church (Rev. Miller, pastor, and Rev. George Horn, assistant pastor) near by attended the anniversary which proved to be a great help.

The first service was held at High-spire on Tuesday evening, April 6, with a goodly number present. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way. Brother Lykens delivered a stirring message. Everyone seemed blessed of

the Lord and very much encouraged.

Wednesday night the service was at Harrisburg with a nice crowd and the blessing of the Lord. This began to seem like a district convention. Several special numbers were rendered by various people of the district. Another good message was heard from Brother Lykens.

The next place scheduled was South Fairview for Thursday evening. The assistant pastor and wife of the Pentecostal Church previously mentioned, were with us. There also another great feast was enjoyed.

By this time so much enthusiasm had been created that the people's souls were aflame, which was revealed Friday evening at Newville. The Lord began blessing in the first part of the service, and the service lasted until almost 11 o'clock, with the Lord continuing to bless.

Saturday night, April 10, was our rally date at Cross Keys, and all

gathered again for another great feast. The house was filled with people and with the Spirit of the Lord. The regular mission offering for the month which was to be brought to the rally amounted to a little over \$114. The spiritual tide was running high all through the service, for which we praise God.

There were from five to eight preachers at each night's service. It is only through God that we have such sweet fellowship and good cooperation throughout the district. Pray for us, that we may maintain that same fellowship until Jesus comes.—Miss Kathleen Bell, 1266 Miller Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Nothing man ever had in his possession, useful and important as it was, has caused him so much trouble and cost him as many tears as his tongue.

## FLORIDA CAMP MEETING

If you want to attend the greatest camp meeting in all the Church of God, come to Wimauma, Florida, and spend ten days. It will begin Wednesday night, June 2, and close Friday night, June 11.

The camp ground is ten acres in area, and has a fine large tabernacle that was erected at a cost of about \$18,000. On the grounds are many camp cottages which are individually owned, and the Church built a large dormitory with fifty rooms near the tabernacle, which is used for living quarters by those attending the camp meeting. The Church also owns their own water system and restaurant. All the cottages and every room in the dormitory is filled each year and many find lodging on the outside. When you drive through the big gate onto the grounds, the huge tabernacle stands to your right and the dormitory to your left. If the camp meeting is on, you will see hundreds of Church of God, Holy-Ghost-filled people stirring around in what seems to me a holy city. Just think about living for ten days in such a city, where most every one has been baptized with the Holy Ghost, and those who don't have the blessing are, in most cases, seeking God for the experience.

Last year there were about seventy-six baptized with the Holy Ghost during the camp meeting. Two nights the people prayed all night in the tabernacle and every night it was well past twelve o'clock before the tabernacle was cleared.

### COOPERATION

The Church of God in Florida takes great interest in its camp meeting. Every church closes its revival and gets ready for one great central camp meeting, which is indeed on the old-fashioned Southern camp-meeting style. Very few pastors fail to attend, and when they get there they put themselves into the service. I have never seen a band of preachers more interested or work harder in a meeting than the Florida ministers do in the great annual camp meeting at Wimauma.

### TRAIN AND BUS

This year we expect many to come by bus and train. Arrangements will be made to have cars meet every bus and train, with free transportation to the camp-ground.

### ROOMS

Most of the cottages are individually owned. The only way you could rent one would be to rent it from

the owner who for some reason can not attend the camp meeting. Rooms in the dormitory will be rented mostly to those who live near enough to furnish them, however there are always provisions made for all who attend from long distances. Rooms are secured in the homes of the neighbors and friends at a small cost. Those desiring to make reservation ahead of time may write the local pastor, O'Neal Hughes, Wimauma, Florida.

### FREE CAMPING GROUND

Those who bring their trailers or tents will find plenty of free camping ground near the tabernacle.

### MEALS

Many people do their own cooking, but there is a restaurant and lunch stand on the ground, run by the Church, where meals can be obtained at a reasonable price.

### PREACHING AND SINGING

There are usually three to four sermons each day. About the only ones who preach more than once are the general officials who attend from Headquarters. This year we will have with us Brother Earl P. Paulk, Second Assistant General Overseer, who is indeed a great preacher. We also hope to have with us others of the general officials.

Out-of-state singers are invited. We welcome you into the services and you will be given a chance to use the talent with which God has blessed you.

### OFFERINGS

The camp meeting will not be loaded down with financial obligations. We expect to have a big Mission offering, also an offering for the Orphanage and general expenses of the camp meeting, which will not be very heavy. There will be no offerings taken for preachers and singers for service rendered in the camp meeting. All will be expected to attend at their own expense, and donate free their service in this great camp meeting. Every one will be paid in spiritual blessings.

### INVITATION

We sincerely invite every one to attend this great annual feast, and hereby extend to the state overseers and ministers of all states an urgent invitation. Come thou with us and we will do thee good.

JOHN C. JERNIGAN  
State Overseer of Florida